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GRANTING OF PETITION FORMS GUARD UNIT

Governor and Board of Control Unanimously Grant Petition Establishing Unit of Home Guard

The agitation for military training in Middlebury College has culminated in the establishment of a unit of the Vermont Volunteer Militia, a regiment which was organized last summer to serve as a home guard in place of the Vermont National Guard, now in the federal service.

This move is the result of a petition, signed by about one hundred men, which was sent to Governor Graham a week ago. Danolds '17 is captain of the company, and Professor MacFarland, who holds a commission as first lieutenant in the Vermont Volunteer Militia, is at present acting as instructor.

The petition reads as follows:

"To Governor Horace F. Graham,

"Executive Chamber, Montpelier, Vt.

"The undersigned students in Middlebury College would respectfully pe ition for the establishment of a unit of the Vermont Volunteer Militia to be composed of students of Middlebury College and offer themselves as members of such unit if and when the same is organized.

"We pledge ourselves to attend drills and classes for instruction *three* hours a week during the college year, exclusive of examination periods; to respond during the college year to all calls for military service within the State of Vermont issued by order of the Commander-in-Chief; to obey all orders and regulations prescribed for the Vermont Volunteer Militia so far as the same can be performed within the college year until discharged from the military service of the State of Vermont.

"We petition for the equipment of the unit with rifles and cartridge belts, and will hold ourselves individually responsible for the proper care of the same to be returned in good condition at the close of each college year and when discharged from the service.

"We agree to pay individually the sum of $6.00 each toward a uniform consisting of blouse, breeches, belt, cap or service hat, and leggings, and to keep the same in good condition, reasonable wear excepted, for military use during our connection with the college. If discharged within two years or at any time before our connection with the college shall cease, the uniform is to be returned or paid for at the rate prescribed by the Adjutant General. At graduation, provided two years service including the present college year have been rendered, it is understood that the uniform is to be our personal property."

The side rooms off Hepburn Social Hall are to be used as the headquarters of the military company. Records and manuals are to be kept there, and some one of the officers of the company will be in attendance every afternoon.

ANNUAL HOP HELD THANKSGIVING EVE

Formal Function Made to Conform to Wartime Economy

Wednesday evening, November 28, the annual Sophomore Hop was held in the college gymnasium. Although it was a war-time affair, with economy the watchword, it was no less attractive than in former years.

The gymnasium was decorated with paper streamers, college and fraternity banners, cushions and so forth. The stage was set off in an evergreen grove. Colored lights gave a romantic touch to the scene.

Vittum's orchestra of Middlebury furnished music for the program of twenty-four dances, of such a quality as to stimulate the feet even of a puritan elder.

One of the noticeable features of the evening was the presence of several Middlebury men wearing the uniform of their country.

Approximately sixty-five couples were present. During the intermission ice-cream, cake and coffee were served.

The patrons and patronesses were President and Mrs. John M. Thomas, Professor and Mrs. Luther I. Bonney, Professor and Mrs. Henry W. Lawrence, Jr., Miss Eleanor S. Ross and Miss Florence L. Graves.

COLLEGE MEN AND THE WAR TAX

(From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patriotic Societie, Southern Bldg., Washington, D. C.)

By Daniel C. Roper,

Commissioner of Internal Revenues

College men can perform a practical patriotic s rvice in connection with the War Tax Law. If the Government is to obtain the full amount of revenue authorized by Congress it is essential that every taxpayer shall know how to compute the amount of taxes he must pay and the time, place, and method provided for its payment.

The new Income Tax Law will reach more than 7,000,000 persons who have never before paid a Federal Income Tax. Every unmarried person who had a net income in 1917 of more than $1,000 and married person whose net income was more than $2,000 is required by law to make a return to the Collector of Internal Revenue for his District. He must not wait for the collector to call on him or send him a notice. He must voluntarily apply to the collector for the Income Tax form. If college men will familiarize themselves with the War Revenue Act and point out to their parents and others with whom they come in contract what the law requires them to do they will be rendering a patriotic service.

The purpose of the War Tax is identical with that of the Liberty Loan. Its patriotic appeal is even stronger for instead of an investment it calls for a contribution. The bond buyer loans—the taxpayer gives—to the cause of Liberty. The splendid success of the Liberty Loan was achieved through the cooperative efforts of patriotic leaders everywhere in the dis-

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Y. W. C. A. PANTOMIME ON THANKSGIVING EVE

Costume Party in Pearsons Furnishes Much Enjoyment

Last Wednesday evening a strange looking group of girls gathered in the reception hall at Pearsons in answer to the invitation extended by the Y. W. C. A. There was a great variety of costumes, as many of the girls donned masculine attire and escorted their sweethearts.

The entertainment consisted in a pantomime enacted by six girls who made an unusual effort to portray life as it never is. Aside from these considerations, the farce was cleverly done. The following is a faithful account of the affair as seen by an outsider.

At Pearsons Hall, on Thanksgiving Even, a clever pantomime was given. As the curtain before the audience rose, the heroine sat and powdered her nose. A trim little maid brings a card on a tray, telling a suitor has strayed that way. The suitor comes in, as red as a rose, and soon it is clear that he means to propose. But alas! and alack! the maid comes once more, for another suitor is now at the door. The ardent proposer is shoved to the wall and a coat's hung over him, covering all: the arms sticking out appear to be hooks; so now he's a coat-rack—by the looks.

Suitor the second hangs his hat on the rack. He's a baseball player with a ball and bat. He is carried away by his hostess' charm, when the maid comes in—another alarm; and holding a tray as high as he's able, a portiere covers him, making a table.

Number three marches in, puts his coat on the rack, and then on the table deposits his hat. Down he sits by his lady to tell his fond tale of amorous love when another young male sends in his card on the silver tray. Now number three—away, away! No place to go? Then sit right there! a cover—arms so—now you're a chair!

Now the fourth sits down to declare his love for the lady ensconced in the new arm-chair. Now soon creep together the arms of the chair—the table's uneasy—the coatrack's astir—the arms of the chair both close around her—a clatter, a bang, a rush and O my! The furniture breaks in the wink of an eye, and the suitors all four madly rush for the door. My story here ends for alas! and alack! They never came back, they never came back.

Cast:

Leading Lady—Florence Langley,
Suitor the First—Corinne Weber,
Suitor the Second—Laura Fales,
Suitor the Third—Madeline Halford,
Suitor the Fourth—Alice Wilson,
Maid—Ruth Holland.

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing and toasting marshmallows in the open fire, which was more true to life than the preceding part of the program.

At a meeting of the sophomore class held recently Roland McSweeney was elected class basketball manager. The captain will be chosen later.

CONGRESSMAN GREENE ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Describes the In's and Out's of "The Machinery at Washington"

Middlebury was greatly honored last Tuesday afternoon by having as a speaker the Hon. Frank L. Greene, United States Representative from Vermont. Congressman Greene met the students in the new chapel at 3:45 and gave them an informal yet forceful and instructive talk on the subject, "The Machinery at Washington."

Beginning his speech with an analysis of our present system of government, as a statesman sees it, the Congressman compared the position of our President with that of the rulers of the European countries. He explained the power and resources with which we invested the President and the resources which he had at his command in comparison with the power and resources which were at the disposal of the King of England and the President of France, declaring that "the President of the United States today has more power than any other ruler on the face of the earth with the exception of the Kaiser of Germany." He went on to say that this power the president has so that he may better carry on the affairs of the state during this crisis in our history, although the power of Congress is as a result greatly lessened. This, he said, no one realizes better than the congressman himself.

He spoke of another interesting as well as educational feature of the life in Congress. He explained the business or political life of the congressman at the Capitol, and in doing this described the difficulties encountered in the passing of a bill explaining the different stages through which it must pass. Taking an imaginary bill which he named "Bees Should Not Be Compelled to Work Nights", he followed it from the time it came before the Committee of Agriculture until it finally was signed by the Speaker of the House and passed on to the Senate. Told in such an interesting way at least one chapter of Civics will not soon be forgotten by his hearers.

Having given the phases of the life at Washington, Congressman Greene in closing, tried to impress on the students the fact that the men at Washington were not a group of cold-blooded politicians, as many people believe, but on the contrary an intimate body of simple-minded citizens whose business it was to talk. And although they spoke very bitterly against each other during the session, he said that afterwards these same men might be seen to go out of the room arm in arm talking to each other in the most friendly fashion.

Kappa Delta Rho Party

The Kappa Delta Rho fraternity enjoyed a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner in their chapter house. A number of college girls were guests of the occasion and the afternoon and evening passed all too quickly in the enjoyment of music dancing and a general good time.

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EDITORIAL.

An attempt was made last spring to establish a Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the college, but the project fell through apparently because of the scarcity of trained officers at the disposal of the Government. Such an institution would have been an excellent thing for a college of larger size, but owing to the depredations of war it has become evident that the proposition was too great for us to carry out successfully.

In anticipation of the establishment of such a corps the students received training during the spring under officers from Norwich University. As the close of college drew near the interest which was at first manifest appreciably declined, so that in most respects the whole volunteer enterprise was a failure. At the same time there was a hazy possibility that the Reserve corps might ultimately be established.

Such was the situation at the opening of college this fall. The administration had become cautious through the unfortunate failure of the students to respond to the initial opportunity given them. There was a general feeling that the men would or at least might not support a second attempt in this line. Those who wonder why nothing definite was done earlier in the fall should take these facts into consideration. The proposition was too serious to play with, and unless the hearty support of a great majority of the men could be well assured, it certainly would have been short-sighted to have taken any definite action.

The Senior Council is responsible for initiating the movement which has resulted in so fortunate an outcome. We have been brought face to face with the reality of the war, and the practical result has been to impress on the men the fact that they will be personally benefited by military training previous to being drafted. This is shown by the fact that most of our men at Camp Devens are either commissioned or non-commissioned officers. The Council brought the situation before the students in a way that resulted in a hearty response. Evidence that the students meant business was not long forth-coming. On this assurance, President Thomas made it possible for the petition which was signed by a large share of the men to be granted.

We now have an organization recognized by the State of Vermont as a unit in the Home Guard. The significance of this grant can by no means be determined at this stage of the game; but it is safe to assert that it will be of great import to the men who will later be drafted from the college. The prestige which it will give the institution should be far reaching, but much depends on the spirit with which we seize the opportunity which has long been sought. We have really just begun a serious job. The question which others will ask and which we must ask ourselves is, Have we the stuff to make it a success?

It has been common talk in the last few years that young people have not the sense of responsibility that their elders had in their youth. It is claimed that they are more selfish, more frivolous, more egoistical than the young people of the previous generation. Their ability to face squarely a serious situation has been doubted.

Such has been the verdict of those who have judged by surface appearances, and until now we have seen only the surface of people's lives. In these practical days of industrialism and efficiency we have almost become ashamed of our finer emotions and more serious thoughts. Young people especially have felt it essential to their standing with their fellow men to be always what is called a jolly good fellow, to avoid speaking the English language lest they be accused of having swallowed the dictionary and to avoid all appearances of serious work lest they acquire the title of *grind*.

Now all is changed. A great crisis has come, staring every one of us in the face like a great black wall. Sometimes that wall seems insurmountable, the misery, the terrible suffering caused by the efforts to scale that wall bow us almost to the ground, and we cry out as did our Lord: "Oh my God why hast thou forsaken me?" And always comes the answer "Nay, I am with you always, even unto the end." We rise from our knees with new courage and new determination.

Who are these pigmies who are pouring out their life blood to battle down this wall of misplaced efficiency and let the sunlight of liberty in once more? They are the flower of the nation's youth, young men, the great majority of them, giving up all that they hold most dear in life for a principle.

We can't all be on the battle front but we all have our challenge, and who shall say that Middlebury men and women have not met this challenge squarely? Witness our Liberty Loan Bonds and the Friendship War Fund which we have just raised. How much sacrifice this has involved none of us quite know, but we do know that many of the students have given up things very dear and precious to them. Some students are foregoing their trip home for the Christmas vacation, some are giving up their spending money for a long time to come and others are giving their spare time to earning money to give to the cause. These are only a few of the many instances.

Perhaps we were selfish, perhaps we needed this awful lesson, but at least we can say to the young people of the future that we were tried and not found wanting. We are meeting the issue squarely and, God willing, we will continue to meet it until the need is no longer.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR OUR BOYS

Middlebury is by no means unmindful of her sons in uniform; especially of those across the sea. Most of all she feels the deepest sympathy for them as that day, which should be the happiest of all the year, draws near.

With an aim to bring some cheer to them on that day the War Service Committee provided material for forty-nine Christmas boxes costing slightly over $100. The boxes were packed by the Civics Club under the direction of Goldie Courtemanche, and contained portfolios, dates, playing cards, tobacco, chewing gum and milk chocolate. For each man there were enclosed Christmas cards signed by some of his personal friends. The contents were neatly wrapped in red, green or white tissue paper and tied with narrow ribbon. When finished, each package weighed five pounds or more. Friday afternoon the last bit of work was completed and in the evening the boxes were inspected by Postmaster Calhoun and started on their long journey. How much they will mean to Middlebury boys cannot be estimated, but at least they will carry the message that "Middlebury does not forget." May they strengthen the courage, loyalty and honor of our boys in uniform and bring them some little part of Christmas joy.

To all our boys in khaki.
To all our boys in blue,
They bear the hearty message,
"Midd still remembers you."

Snap-Shots Wanted

The War Service Committee has started a collection of photos and snap-shots. It is the purpose of the committee to send souvenirs in this form to our men in the service as the opportunity is presented. To carry this out successfully, the cooperation of all students and members of the faculty who have negatives and prints of local and personal interest is necessary. Will all those who are willing to contribute prints or lend negatives consult with the secretary, Richard H. Buffum?

D. K. E. Holds Annual Banquet

The Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon held its sixty-third annual banquet at the Addison House Monday night. Several of the alumni brothers were back and numerous telegrams were received from those in the service. The alumni who were present were John A. Fletcher '87, Carl S. Martin '09, J. L. Buttolph '11, Ralph A. Foote '16, and Maurice Bingham '20. Charles E. Crane a Deke from Dartmouth was also present. The initiates were Raymond K. Farnham '20, George J. Keppler '21, and John W. Mead '21.

Daybreak

Over Chipman's noble head
Golden sunbeams slowly spread.
The world beneath is wrapped in sleep
While the silent course of the Otter deep
Is veiled in a silvery mist.

The mystery, the awe, the love
Of the all-knowing One above
Fill the soul in that hushed hour,
When breaks the day in all her power
Awak'ning the peaceful earth.

H. F. G.

COMMUNICATION

George E. Parker '13 writes us from Camp Hancock, Ga., where he is stationed in the Base Hospital. The Camp Devens men would appreciate some of the features of Camp Hancock.

To The Campus:

Just a few lines at this time may give you an idea of what is going on around one of the large southern camps and at the same time be just a few words from a former Midd student.

Our unit was organized last June in Hartford, Conn., being made up of college men and organized as United States Field Hospital No. 3. We were sent to Fort Ethan Allen where we received our first training and equipment. On October 1 we were transferred to a Base Hospital unit and sent here to Camp Hancock just outside of Augusta, Georgia. The camp consists of two parts: the camp proper and the Base Hospital. There are about forty thousand men stationed at the camp, most of whom were the Pennsylvania National Guardsmen.

The Base Hospital consists of fifty-eight buildings and can accommodate about a thousand patients. It is one of the largest and best equipped hospitals of its kind in the south.

Camp Hancock is one of the best tented encampments in the country. The site is splendid, upon a sandy hill, the climate is excellent. The days are warm followed by cold nights and the local conditions are very good. It is evident that the Committee on Training Camps has thought of everything and planned for everything. Some of the features are not yet in effect but enough is in operation to prove that every man in camp will be reached by influences which make for the type of manhood a democracy demands.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing a wonderful work here and if the people "back home" could realize what they are doing there would be no difficulty in raising the $35,000,000. The Y. M. C. A. buildings, of which there are five or six here, are about 40x20, with many conveniences for our comfort and pleasure. At one end is constructed a long counter, behind which the secretaries pass out stationery, pens, etc., gratis, and they are kept on the jump from seven in the morning until ten at night. At the other end of the building is a stage with dressing rooms on either side. Here are held all kinds of entertainments and moving pictures. Something is going on every single night and the buildings are always crowded.

Over a thousand men are studying French under teachers who are instructed by a professor of modern languages from Pennsylvania State University, and classes in higher mathematics are being held for the engineers. At the Base Hospital there are lectures on First Aid; Ward Management, Minor Surgery and Operating Room work. As I am detailed as Surgeon's Assistant in the operating room, I am most interested in the lectures on that subject.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing a number of things which will in time be taken over by the Fosdick Commission. Over 4000 books are being circulated from the Y. M. C. A. libraries. Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "Mikado" was presented by a full professional cast and made a week's stand at the camp not long ago, while several good things have been billed for the near future.

Not long ago a thrift campaign was started which resulted in $35,000 being

sent home by the boys in a single week. This was done by the Y. M. C. A. which sells express money orders.

It is impossible for a m n to go to the dogs in Camp Hancock unless he does so deliberately and by violently breaking out of his environment.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE E. PARKER. 1913.

November 26, 1917.
Base Hospital,
Camp Hancock,
Augusta, Ga.

THANKSGIVING DAY IN THE WOMENS' COLLEGE

Although the morning of Thanksgiving Day was spent rather quietly among the women, the student body was well represented at the dinner which Mrs. Mills had so thoughtfully planned. The tables were arranged in the shape of a horse-shoe and were prettily decorated with chrysanthemums. Mrs. Mills presided at one end of the horse-shoe and Miss Graves at the other. After the plentiful repast, toasts were given from the four classes. The toast from the senior class was in the form of poetry and was presented by Goldie Courtemanche. The junior toast was also a poem, given by Ella Fellowes. Madine Rogers represented the sophomore class and Ellen Matthews spoke for the freshmen. Mrs. Mills acted as toastmistress. Dorothy Barr ex-'18 and Ruth Hall '17 were among the guests. After the dinner there was dancing at Pearsons Hall and at five o'clock a song-service was held there. By evening the contents of the various mysterious boxes which had been arriving were sadly depleted.

Let Us Save the Classics

Youth's Companion

War or no war education has to go on. Our colleges send their seniors and their juniors into the army, but the younger classes should be nearly as large as ever, and the primary and the secondary schools will have full ranks. But the war is teaching us that we must so reform our system of education that it will produce leaders who can master emergencies.

One direction that the reform must take is obvious; for war or for peace, scientific research must have every encouragement. It is the policy that gave Germany its wonderful commercial development, and that has thus far saved it from collapse. Because of its scientific knowledge it has been able to find ingenious substitutes for things that it must have, and that the rest of the world has refused, or been unable to furnish it. So much we can learn from the enemy. We must follow his example, not in copying or taking over what Germans have discovered or made, but by studying the secrets of nature for the mere love of knowledge, firm in the belief that here, as in Germany, business will find a way to apply the knowledge of industrial uses.

The other direction is not so obvious. Many will sneer when it is urged that it is as essential to our national well-being that we return to classical education as it is that we encourage scientific research. Who are the men that have risen to political leadership? In almost every case they are men who have been trained in the classics. Every country needs strong, well-balanced leaders, and to be well-balanced they must be well-educated. If scientific training will give them the proper equipment, all the better; but hitherto that form of education has not disposed its strong men to seek high place in government.

That, however, is only one of several reasons for urging a study of the classics. No other groundwork so well prepares a man for a high career in literature. It trains the mind to accuracy of thought and to conciseness of expression. Not everyone is capable of acquiring a classical education or of making the best use of it. Therefore, the old rule of prescribing classics for all, and nothing except classics, was a mistake that no one now defends and that will not now be repeated; but it is an even greater mistake to drop Greek altogether, as most of the secondary schools have done, and to be hostile or indifferent to Latin, as too many of them are. For those whom the ancient languages and literature attract, there should be ample and generous provision.

Is there any keener or purer intellectual delight than that which scholars find in studying the masterpieces of Greek and Latin literature? Whether it be poetry, drama, history or philosophy, those works are preeminent in the indefinable quality that we call style. No translation can absorb the flavor of such literature. No translator is ever satisfied with his own version. He feels what those literary masters succeeded in saying, but he cannot put the ideas into words of his own language that will enable others to feel it as he does.

There is still room in the world for scholars—there will always be need of them. Without them there cannot be intellectual progress. Sooner or later the mistake of denying facilities for making them will be perceived and remedied.

COLLEGE MEN AND THE WAR TAX

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semination of information and the fostering of patriotic sentiment.

As we press forward in this great struggle, sustained by the hope of a victorious peace, we must bear in mind that only by meeting in the fullest degree our individual responsibilities as citizens can we insure ourselves against the unthinkable consequences of defeat. The War Tax law imposes an obligation which no loyal American will seek to evade. College men can serve their country by giving expression to this thought at every opportunity.

ALUMNI NOTES

'79. Rev. Henry W. Hurlburt, D. D., represented Middlebury College at the inauguration of Rev. Benjamin T. Marshall as president of Connecticut College, New London, Conn., on November 23.

'10. George M. Darrow is the author of Farmers' Bulletin 854 of the United States Department of Agriculture, entitled "Strawberry Culture in Tennessee, Kentucky, and West Virginia."

'11. George R. Hemenway, 11th Company, Troop M, U. S. Cavalry, has been in the hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for several weeks because of an injury recently sustained in the service.

'11. Carmen Walker of Ludlow visited friends on the hill over the week-end.

The War Servi e Committee has added to its membership Marjorie Wright '15 and Wilfred E. Davison '13.

'16. The marriage of Marjorie Lee and John Selden, Jr., was solemnized November 29 at Vergennes.

Arthur Ottman '17, who is teaching in the High School at Schenectady, N. Y., was a visitor at the college from Thanksgiving day till Sunday.

'17. Harold Damon was a visitor in town over Sunday. "Brownie" expects to take his final examinations in the Harvard Radio School this week and if successful he will then be liable to call at any time.

Deutscher Verein

The next Deutscher Verein meeting will be held at the home of Professor Skillings on Tuesday evening, December 11. A very entertaining Christmas program is being planned by Hannah Dvorcef. Mrs. Everett Skillings and Mr. Wayne Haller have been elected honorary members.

Meeting of the Civics Club

The Civics Club met in Pearsons Social Hall on November 21 at five o'clock with about twenty-five girls present. Goldie Courtemanche explained the pro gram of the club for this year and invited all the girls of the college to become members. A girl may join any one of the five branches of service into which the work is divided. The cooking department will make cake and candy to send to the Middlebury men who are fighting. There is a department for making the knitted articles which are needed and one for making dressings. Later on a department for securing air cushions will be established. Finally, there is the branch which does the actual work of packing the boxes. The rest of the hour the girls spent in knitting or winding yarn. From now on a meeting will be held every Wednesday from five until six and all of the girls are asked to come and "knit their bit."

COLLEGE NOTES

Louetta Haynes '19visited at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., over the past week-end.

Lorette Thompson '20 entertained six of her college friends at Thanksgiving dinner at her home in Weybridge.

Elizabeth Furber of Dorchester, Mass., and Effie Deans of North Adams, Mass., were entertained on the hill over Thanksgiving.

Jewett '21, returned Sunday from the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Hilda Monteith of Chatham, N. J., and John Monteith, second lieutenant at the camp at Petersburg, Va., spent Thanksgiving with their sister, Elsie Monteith.

The junior class held its first basket ball practice last Friday evening. The prospect is of a strong team this year. It is hoped that more men will report for the next practice on Friday night of this week.

Would that no one could say of our athletic teams in the past, "Oh, he is playing on account of his rep!" Rather in the future let us say, "Oh he is playing on account of his pep."—The Bates Student.

That's the proper spirit, Bates!

Owing to the shortage of labor at Hanover, a large delegation of Dartmouth students, headed by President Hopkins, marched out of town one day a short while ago and engaged themselves in the labor of husking corn for the benefit of the Mary Hitchcock hospital, the college infirmary.

LOCAL TALENT PRESENTS MUSICAL DECEMBER 1

Saturday evening, December 1, an enjoyable musical was given in the College Music Hall. The work of every person who took part was most creditable. The program was arranged by Prof. Lewis J. Hathaway, and the training for the various parts was also under his direction. Following is the program:

I. (a) Ballad — Burgmuller
(b) Slumber Song — Spindler
Master John Thomas

II. Arabesque — Debussy
Miss Pray

III. Morning Mood / Asa's Tod — From Peer Gynt Suite — Grieg
Miss Chynoweth
(Second Piano Mr. Hathaway)

IV. The Bandolero — Leslie Stuart
Mr. Searles

V. Impromptu (B major) — Arensky
Waltz op. 118 — Raff
Mr. Hathaway

VI. Sonata for Clarinet and Piano
Allegro confuoco — Weber
Andante con moto — Weber
Mr. Lang, Mr. Hathaway

VII. The Eagle — MacDowell
Etude Japanese — Poldini
Cantique D'amour — Balakirew
Mr. Hathaway.

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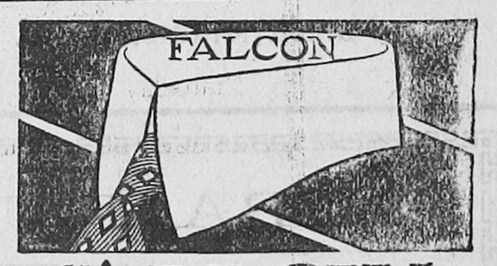

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P. N. SWETT.

The National Committee of Patriotic Societies addressed an inquiry a short while ago to Commissioner Daniel C. Roper of the Department of Internal Revenue as to how the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1917, affected the various student activities in our American colleges. Commissioner Roper had the following statement especially prepared for publication in the college press:

Inquiry has been received relative to the application of the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1917, imposing a tax upon admissions to college athletic, theatrical and other entertainments. The act exempts from such tax "admissions all the proceeds of which inure exclusively to the benefit of religious, educational or charitable institutions, societies or organizations."

As was remarked in a recent statement relating to the same provisions of law, the word "educational" as used in such connection has been given a rather broad construction by the courts. It has been held to include physical and moral as wel as purely intellectual training; and if a college itself managed the theatrical and and other entertainments and received the proceeds arising therefrom, there would of course be no doubt that the exemption applied. However, it is understood that generally speaking, such entertainments are managed not by the college authorities, but by student organizations which control the expenditure of the proceeds. Any claim to exemption, therefore, must be based upon the contention that the student organizations are themselves educational institutions or that the entertainments which they manage are educational. It is doubtless true that college sports tend to arouse interest in physical development and that college theatrical and similar entertainments have some educational influence, but the same might be said of professional base ball games, for instance, and professional theatrical performances, and of course there was no intent to exempt the latter or the promoters thereof. After all, the principal function of college sports and other college entertainments would seem to be, as in the case of professional sports and other professional entertainments, to furnish recreation; and there appears to be no more substantial ground for exemption in one case than in the other.

It is accordingly held that the tax applies to admissions charged for entrance to college athletic and other entertainments, unless all the proceeds thereof are actually turned over to the college itself, or some other religious, educational, or charitable institution, society or organization.

(Signed) E. C. JOHNSON,
Solicitor.

Approved:
(Signed) DANIEL C. ROPER,
Commissioner.

Watch Yourself Go By

(Strickland W. Gillilan)

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by;
Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I".
Pick flaws; find fault; forget the man is you,
And strive to make your estimate ring true.
Confront yourself and look you in the eye—
Just stand aside and watch yourself go by.

Interpret all your motives just as though
You looked on one whose aims you did not know.
Let undisguised contempt surge through you when
You see you shirk, O commonest of men!
Despise your cowardice; condemn whate'er
You note of falseness in you anywhere.
Defend not one defect that shames your eye—
Just stand aside and watch yourself go by.

And then, with eyes unveiled to what you loathe—
To sins that with sweet charity you'd clothe—
Back to your self-walled tenement you'll go
With tolerance for all who dwell below.
The faults of others then will dwarf and shrink,
Love's chain grow stronger by one mighty link—
When you with "he", as substitute for "I"
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